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Mr. D. F. Wilber, Plant Manager
North American Rockwell Corp.
Universal Joint Division
Allegan, Michigan

Dear Mr. Wilbur:

This will acknowledge the discussion you had with Mr. Pope of our staff on July 23, 1969. The meeting was held to discuss your progress in revamping oil control facilities and to determine the anticipated date for completing this project. We had previously met with your Mr. Paulson to discuss the proposed changes and had informed you of the urgency of proceeding toward better oil control in a letter dated April 10, 1969.

To date, a small area of the Kalamazoo River has been dyked off for oil containment. We understand too that many of the plumbing changes have been completed to allow for relocating oil treatment facilities. However, we are concerned with the proposed date for completing the entire project. It is our understanding that a \$30,000 allotment is expected in August, 1969, to provide internal dyking, and outlet structures for completion of the present dyked area. This will result in the elimination of the present soluble oil containment pond. A \$40,000 request has been made for your fiscal 1970 to relocate and enlarge the free oil skimming tanks. Monies for facilities to break and recover soluble emulsion aren't expected until 1971.

In the company's proposal which we reviewed in December, 1968, we were told that the changes pertaining to free oil were scheduled for completion this summer. Your current proposal would result in at least a year's delay of this phase, and an additional delay is evident on the soluble oil.

We believe the greatest need is to improve and upgrade the free oil separator including its relocation. Is there any valid reason why this total project can't be completed by July 1, 1970?

Your comments would be appreciated by September 5, 1969.

JLP:as
cc: W.M.B., Lansing

Very truly yours,
BUREAU OF WATER MANAGEMENT

Chester Harvey
District Engineer